

nominations of Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Murray, Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, who was introduced by Senators Nelson (FL) and Martinez, Raphael William Bostic, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, who was introduced by Representative Schiff, Sandra Brooks Henriquez, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, who was introduced by Representative Frank, and Mercedes Marquez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TOURISM IN TROUBLED TIMES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine tourism in troubled times, focusing on the state of the U.S. travel and tourism industry, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Mary Saunders, Acting Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Chad Prosser, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Columbia; Jay Rasulo, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, Burbank, California; Jay S. Witzel, Carlson Hotels Worldwide, Minnetonka, Minnesota; Sam Gilliland, Sabre Holdings Corporation, South Lake, Texas; Rossi Ralenkotter, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Judy Zehnder, Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, Michigan.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), focusing on perspectives of aviation stakeholders, after receiving testimony from Charles M. Barclay, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia; Marion C. Blakey, Aerospace Industries Association, Arlington, Virginia; James C. May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, Patrick Forrey, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, John Prater, Air Line Pilots Association International, Ken Hall, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Tom Brantley, Professional Aviation Safe-

ty Specialists, and William McGlashen, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robert Roach, Jr., International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Daniel B. Poneman, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary, David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Domestic Policy, both of the Department of Energy, and Rhea S. Suh, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, and Michael L. Connor, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Philip J. Crowley, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Moran, and Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, who was introduced by Representative Van Hollen, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel Benjamin, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, and Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN CONFLICT ZONES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a joint hearing with Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues to examine confronting rape and other forms of violence against women in conflict zones, after receiving testimony from Melanne Verveer, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, Esther Brimmer, Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, and Phillip Carter, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of African Affairs, all of the Department of State; Chouchou Namegabe, South Kivu Women's Media Association, Democratic Republic of Congo; Robert Warwick,